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On a wager, an Ohio man ate his hat—and died. Still that is better than talking through it.

It has been suggested that some enterprising Colorado bear could make a fortune easily by writing a book on "Presidents I Have Met."

The beef trust complains that it has been treated as a cheap criminal. The majority of the American people will agree that it has been rather expensive.

If the administration adheres to its policy that rural postmasters must keep out of politics, it may become necessary to advertise for men to fill the various vacancies.

Japan disavows any desire for conquest or territorial aggrandizement. It is to be hoped the young giant among nations will adhere more strictly to its position in this respect than did the administration of this government at the close of the war with Spain. It is a bad thing to become intoxicated with victory.

A circular issued by the treasury department says the proper formula to use in addressing the nation's four highest officials are: "The President," "The Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury," "The Speaker of the House," "The President of the Senate." The circular is signed by Secretary Shaw.

Secretary Shaw says that "we could build the isthmian canal every year and never know that we were paying the additional taxes it cost." A few days earlier he boasted that "we are not worried about that deficit." And again he says that he is not prepared to say that he will be a candidate for president. The first and second statements justify the third.

Extraordinary Proceedings in the Storm Drain Case.

The city council at its meeting last evening declined by a vote of 11 to 2 to subscribe to the course pursued by Mayor McCaskin in notifying the storm drain contractors to complete the repeatedly condemned work within a specified time according to the original specifications. While there was no manifest disposition on the part of the council to take issue with the executive, the purpose was to indicate simply a difference of opinion as to the proper course to pursue. Incidentally the council's action may be taken as showing overwhelmingly its attitude against taking any position that would tend in the slightest degree toward compromise with a fraudulent transaction.

While The Argus is not prepared at this stage of the proceedings to question the intention of the mayor, or at any time to misjudge him, yet it is hoped that he will not lose sight of the fact that he is treading on dangerous ground, and that his actions will be subject to the closest scrutiny.

That as far as the proceedings in court are concerned the representatives of the storm drain contractors are playing for delay has been plainly evidenced. That the notification issued to the contractors by the mayor yesterday was exceedingly opportune for their cause is equally apparent. How far it will operate otherwise remains to be seen.

The demand for a change of venue from Judge Graves was a most extraordinary procedure and a reflection upon that eminent and popular jurist that quite naturally has aroused considerable comment, from which it is gratifying to note the judge has in no wise suffered.

The Way to Cure Boodling.

In a recent address the famous boodle prosecutor, Gov. Folk, of Missouri, had this to say:

"Men financially interested in passing or defeating bills purchase votes to accomplish their ends. Boodling is non-partisan and so is the law non-partisan and the remedy for the evil in New York is the same as in Missouri. It takes time, patience and vigilance to secure evidence against corruptionists that will convict. It is one thing for a boodle story to be a matter

of common report, and quite another thing to prove the story in a court of law. The only way to secure evidence of bribery is to investigate and trace to its source every boodle rumor. If a man tells a story of boodling, naming a specific sum, he either knows of the transaction himself or the person who told him knows of it, or there is a falsehood out. Now, if he knows of a transaction himself, the facts can be developed before a grand jury. If somebody told him, it can be ascertained before a grand jury who his informant was. If he has told a falsehood that can be proven, too.

"If Brown says Smith told him that money was paid to a legislator for his vote, subpoena Smith. If Smith did tell Brown, then it can be found out where he got his information and what he knows of the transaction. If Smith says he did not tell Brown, confront Smith and Brown and find out who is telling the truth, reminding them both of the stringent statute against perjury. In a case of this kind I found it very effective to allow the man who did the denying to sit for an hour or so in a room alone and consider the matter. Often at the end of an hour with his conscience the man was ready to tell truthfully all he knew.

"Proof perhaps cannot be secured in a day or a week; it may take months or a year. The great benefit arising from the conviction of boodlers is not their incarceration in prison; that is merely an incident. The main thing is the arousing of the public conscience to the necessity of stamping out the things that dishonor."

The success that has attended Gov. Folk's endeavors to stamp out this all too common method of criminal procedure reposes largely in the fact that he has discovered the science of awakening the public conscience. Public sentiment once aroused, informed and educated is the most invaluable of all factors in the attainment of worthy ends. Gov. Folk's experience in unearthing corruption, and prosecuting boodlers has not only made him a terror to evil doers, but has furnished an object lesson that public bodies of whatever character may wisely and advantageously emulate. In Gov. Folk's method of treatment of cases of this sort, may be found not only the remedy for existing cases, but the preventive of undeveloped ones, if those in authority do, will but accept his treatise and wisely apply the same.

The Monopoly in Rails.

When rails can be delivered in Liverpool at \$22 a ton the price of \$28 at Pittsburgh must afford profits that may well make the owners of rolling mills greedy for others. While the railmaking capacity was not very much in excess of the demand, the very few concerns that were in the business managed pretty well to close the market and suppress competition.

Some of the railroads could not help themselves, and others were interested in rolling mills and could well afford to pay themselves high prices for rails in consideration of extorting high prices from the very many other railroads that were not so favorably placed. The profit in rails stimulated competition, but for a time it was possible to buy this off. The Maryland Steel company was subsidized for years not to make rails. The Ohio Steel company got \$100,000 a year before the Steel trust bought it to keep its rail mill idle. But where the profits were enormous it was impossible to keep out invaders. The Lackawanna Steel company's new plant at Buffalo has a very large rail capacity, and the tonnage allotted to it by the pool did not satisfy it. The Republic Iron and Steel company, of Youngstown, which is not in the trust, was moved by the princely profits to convert a billet mill into a rail mill. This settled the fate of the pool.

In the face of such threatened competition its members had to be free to take business at such prices as they could get. Business for this year is practically done, but next year it is not likely that the prices will be \$28 for domestic customers and \$24 nominally for foreigners, with rails actually sold to the Panama railroad for \$21.75, free on board at New York, and \$22 delivered at Liverpool and Cardiff, and any price that competition might make necessary for sales to Canada and Turkey.

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DAILY SHORT STORY

TICKETED TO MATRIMONY.

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"I'm sorry I joked about the little poem," he pleaded contritely. "Make up, and I'll never say anything like that again."

"You will not have the opportunity, Jimmy Garrison," she scolded. "Take back your ring, and I'm never going to speak to you again."

"I say," he cried, "don't take it like that. You'll have to speak to me again."

"Never!" she retorted firmly. "If I do I'll!"

"Take back the ring," urged Jimmy before she could finish.

"Yes," Grace Burton assented, "if I ever speak to you again I'll take back the ring."

Jimmy looked at her ruefully as she turned away.

But the next day there seemed small chance of an early reconciliation, for it was announced that Grace was to spend the winter with an aunt in Los Angeles and was to start in a few days. It was rather short notice, but Mr. Burton had been suddenly called to Europe, and he could not take both Mrs. Burton and Grace.

Secretly Grace was sorry that she had permitted herself to become so angry over Jimmy's jokes about her little poem which the local paper had printed, but she was stubborn, and after a final appeal Jimmy yielded to fate and announced that he would leave that night for Chicago.

Apparently he went further afield than that, for a few mornings later the Overland rolled into Omaha, and there was Jimmy on the station platform waiting to take passage. Grace gasped as the porter ushered him into a section a few numbers ahead of her own, but to outward appearances she was absolutely ignorant of his presence.

She fidgeted about uneasily through the twenty minute wait in the station, while he regarded her with the unconcern of a stranger, and she was glad when the train got under way again and he had gone forward to the smoker.

He was back presently, though, and was in his section when the new conductor came through. Jimmy promptly handed up his ticket, but there was some delay when Grace surrendered the check for her transportation, given to the conductor overnight.

"You had a pass, didn't you?" asked the conductor as he glanced at the number on her check and selected an envelope from the package he carried. "Can you identify yourself?"

She glanced through her pocketbook, but there was nothing which could serve to identify her, and through some mischance she had not signed the ticket, as she should have done, when it had been given to her.

"Unless you can show some identification I shall have to collect a cash fare," the conductor said sharply, noting her helplessness.

"I can't," she stammered. "I have not that much money with me."

"Any one on board who can identify you?" Clearly he was growing suspicious. Grace was desperate.

"That gentleman up front knows me," she said slowly, indicating Jimmy. The conductor went forward, and she watched him curiously. It was odd that Jimmy, who had evidently taken this train to tease her, was to be of some real service to her instead.

But somehow the conductor's face did not express satisfaction as he came back down the aisle.

"I suppose you are convinced now?" said Grace, with a confidence she did not feel, as he stopped at her seat.

"He says he knows the real Miss Burton," said the conductor, eying her sharply.

There was an odd little gasp of anger as Miss Burton sprang to her feet and unsteadily made her way down the aisle, the conductor following. "Jimmy Garrison," she demanded, "do you mean to tell this conductor that you don't know me?"

"Never said it," said Jimmy calmly. "He asked me if I could identify Miss Burton, and I said I knew Miss Burton."

"Well?" she said in a puzzled tone.

"Possibly," explained Jimmy blandly, "he might have gathered from my tone that I did not see Miss Burton on the car."

"You mean," she corrected, "that you wanted to make me ask you to identify me?"

"Yes," said Jimmy solemnly, offering a ring. "I thought you might speak to me."

For the first time it flashed upon her what "business" had drawn Jimmy west, and while he was assuring the conductor that she was Miss Burton she flew back to her seat and sat there with flaming cheeks. Jimmy followed her as soon as he had disposed of the conductor.

"Sweetheart," he said tenderly. "It was a mean trick to play, but I knew I simply had to make you speak before you got out to Los Angeles, and as my cousin is superintendent of this division I got him to order the pass watched for."

"But how did I get a pass?" she demanded.

"I gave it to your father, and he gave us his blessing," Jimmy explained. "He helped me out by telegraphing when you left home."

"Everybody is scheming against me," she cried as she buried her face in her hands in an agony of wounded pride.

"I release you from your promise," he said shamefully. "I won't win you by bullying."

She peeped shyly at him between her fingers. "All's fair in love and war," she quoted, smiling through her tears. GEORGE HEMINGWAY.

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